

Legal Notice

Notice of Application for an Amendment to an Operating Permit (pursuant to the Metal Mine Reclamation Act, Section 82-4-353 (1), Montana Code Annotated (MCA)).

GCC Three Forks, LLC, Geyser Site, filed an application with the Department of Environmental Quality for an amendment to Operating Permit No. 00184. The operating permit would authorize the quarrying of gypsum on Department of Natural Resource and Conservation (DNRC) land in Sections 2, 3, 10 and 11, Township 16 North, Range 10 East. The site is approximately 6.5 miles southeast of Geyser, MT near Highway 87.

The amendment area would cover a total of 377 acres. About 45 acres would be disturbed, in addition to the 37 acres already permitted for disturbance over the life of mine. The mining allowed under the amendment is estimated to add about three years to the life of mine. Ground disturbance would extend to approximately twelve feet in depth. GCC Three Forks, LLC, Geyser Site, would use trucks and heavy equipment to remove the gypsum. Blasting would be required about once a year. The gypsum would be hauled to the plant located near Trident, MT. The hauling is expected to require three to six truckloads per day, with hauling hours of 7 am to 6 pm, Monday through Friday. Occasional hauling on weekends for eight months of the year is also anticipated.

The application can be viewed by the public at the DEQ office located at 1520 E. 6th Ave., in Helena, MT. For further information please contact:

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Requests for application material can be made electronically via the following website:

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General information about the application can be viewed at: <http://deq.mt.gov/Mining/hardrock> (the website for electronically requesting information is also linked from this page).